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FOR THE YEAR

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SAINT LUCIA.

IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT,

CASTRIES, 23RD MAY, 1885,

His Honour
C. C. KNOLLYS, Esquire,
Administrator of the Government.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit the Report of the Immigration Department of this Colony for the year 1884.

2.—The subjoined Table shows the Indian Immigrant Population under Indenture on the 31st December, 1884:—

	Adults.		Minors.		Infants.	Total.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.			
Alive on the 31st December 1883	208	84	5	1	49	347	
Born in 1884					15	15	
	208	84	5	1	64	362	
Died in 1884	6	6			5	17	
	202	78	5	1	59	345	
Absconded in 1884	1					1	
	201	78	5	1	59		344
From the *Bracadaile* in 1884	336	127	14	7	135	619	
Of these, Born in 1884					4	4	
	336	127	14	7	139	623	
" Died in 1884	8	2		1	9	20	
	328	125	14	6	130		603
Alive on 31st December, 1884	529	208	19	7	189		947

3.—Had the ship *Poonah* not been longer on her voyage than the average time, the total number would have shown 1253 souls.

4.—As the lot by the *Bracadaile* was only four months in the Colony, I give its percentages of Births and Deaths separately. Of the older lots the Birth-rate was 4.32 per cent. per annum, and the Death-rate 4.69 per cent. The Birth-rate was creditable, especially as the majority of the people are located on valley estates on which malaria fever is always more or less prevalent. The Death-rate, however, was unusually high. But the figures of the Registrar of the Colony exhibit the same extraordinary mortality for last year throughout the island. In the case of the *Bracadaile*, the Birth-rate was .64 per cent for one third of the year, and the Death-rate 3.21 per cent.

5.—Roughly estimating the time-expired Coolies at 330, and the disindentured Coolies at 880, we have 1210 souls to be added, to complete the tale of Indians in the Colony.

6.—The S.S. *Bracadaile* left Calcutta with 650 souls for St. Lucia. She lost 20 by Cholera, and 10 by other diseases, reducing the number to 620 souls. To this, add 3 Births, which bring up the number to 623. Leaving out of the account the loss by the epidemic, we have 10 deaths from a corrected total of 633, that is 1.57 per cent. during a voyage of 2 months. We have had no such mortality heretofore.

7.—But the sad story of the lot by the *Bracadaile* did not end with her arrival in St. Lucia. During the detention of the Coolies in quarantine for a month, partly on board ship and partly on Pigeon Island, four deaths occurred, and after the allotments were made to the estates, the Death-roll was increased, in four months by twenty souls. So that in seven months from the embarkation at Calcutta 54 lives had been lost. I have been much among these Coolies, and have conversed freely with all the medical men who have the care and oversight of them, and there is but one opinion to express, viz., that

this was a wretched, sickly lot, steeped in the disease of vice with all its baleful consequences.

8.—The term of Indentured service of the small lot which the *Foyle* brought in 1880, was almost completed at the end of the year, and I dismiss the lot from further reports in the usual brief summary. Located on a bottom lands estate, on which the cultivation required the constant breaking up of new ground, this lot was continuously exposed to malarial influences, and it does not make its exit from the records of this Office in the flourishing condition that marked the termination of the Indentures of the shipments by the *Leonidas* and the *Cheetah*. Its vital statistics stand thus:—

From the *Foyle* were landed	67 souls
There were born in 5 years	7
	74
There died in 5 years.	16
	58
There absconded in 5 years	3
Leaving	55

The average Birth-rate per annum was thus 2.08 per cent., and the average Death-rate 4.32 per cent., showing a considerable natural decrease.

9.—The year 1884 was not distinguished by many incidents; but the events that occurred were of more than ordinary importance. The first was the total destruction by fire of the General Hospital at Castries on the 3rd of January. There are many reasons for believing that this was the malicious act of an incendiary. Fortunately for the Coolies who chiefly occupied the wards, there was no difficulty in making arrangements for their immediate reception in the Police Barracks. Subsequently they were removed to more roomy quarters at Morne Fortuné, about a mile from the town. In the first week of August, the *Bracadale* arrived from Calcutta, bringing a large shipment of Immigrants. As cholera had broken out during the voyage, it was deemed expedient to put the ship into quarantine off Pigeon Island, situated five or six miles to the north of Castries. With all speed temporary barracks were put up on Pigeon Island, and twelve days after the arrival of the ship, the Coolies were landed and made as comfortable as possible for the rest of the month. They were then allotted and distributed among the estates that had applied for them. I have already hinted an explanation of the great mortality among this lot after the Coolies were distributed. But it should not be forgotten that they arrived in St. Lucia in the season that is generally considered unhealthy.

10.—When 1883 came to an end, there was a great outcry for Coolies, and applications for unusually large numbers were made; but before the middle of 1884, sugar became a drug in the market, and afterwards purchasers could not be found for it at any price. People here lost all heart and hope. Cultivation was abandoned. With many planters the one absorbing thought was how to take off the crop that was on the ground. Very many of the applicants for Coolies prayed for the cancelling of their applications and the refunding of the twelfth part of the head money paid in advance. The Government could not but sympathise with the sore distress of the planters, and granted their petitions. To those also who could take their lots, principally Usine Companies, the greatest leniency was shown, and they were allowed considerable delay for the payment of their first instalments. But despite all the kindly consideration of the Government, the year closed in the deepest gloom for the great staple of the Colony, with these immediate consequences, that not only will the crop for 1885 be small, but that the one of 1886 will be still smaller; and that the continuous importation of Coolies will be interrupted. Both these results are most regrettable, in my judgment, as I utterly fail to see that the Sugar Cane industry is a doomed one.

The usual tables are appended.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Honour's most obedient humble servant,

R. P. CROPPER,

Protector of Immigrants.

TABLE A.

TABLE showing the Work and Wages of Indentured Indian Immigrants on 23 Estates for the Year ended 31st December 1884.

MEN.

ESTATES.	Period	No. of Men.	Total Days	Average days of each	Ditto per week.	Total Earnings £ s. d.	Average Earnings of each £ s. d.	Ditto per week s. d.	Day's Earnings of each s. d.
	Year								
Anse Canot	4th	7	1068	152	2.92	60 9 9	9 18 6	3 9¾	1 3½
do.	1st (16.8 wks.)	7	264	37	2 ·2	13 4 1	1 17 8	2 2½	1 0
Anse Galet	4th	8	1324	165	3.17	69 9 4	8 13 8	3 4	1 0½
Balembouche	4th	11	2298	208	4.	117 15 0	10 14 1	4 1¼	1 0½
Beauchamp	4th	10	2244	224	4.3	120 17 5	12 1 8	4 7¾	1 0¾
Belle Vue	4th	6	1058	176	3.38	54 11 5	9 1 10	3 5¾	1 0¼
Cannelles	4th	5	1082	216	4 15	60 6 1	12 1 2	4 7½	1 1¼
Choc	4th	10	2173	217	4.17	110 14 8	11 1 5	4 3	1 0
Crown Lands	5th	27	4223	156	3.	287 7 4	10 12 10	4 1	1 4¼
do.	1st (17.2 wks.)	34	5847	69	4.01	292 19 2	8 9 9	4 0½	1 0
Deux Amis	4th	3	606	202	3.88	34 14 5	11 11 5	4 5¼	1 1½
Esperance	4th	2	367	183	3.51	20 0 4	10 0 2	3 10	1 1
Fonds	4th	7	1512	216	4.15	95 19 1	13 14 1	5 3½	1 3
Jalousie	4th	3	544	181	3.48	29 13 8	9 17 10	3 9½	1 1
La Caye	1st (16.8 wks.)	39	2351	60	3.57	117 11 5	3 0 3	3 7¾	1 0
Malgrétout	4th	3	511	170	3.26	25 18 9	8 12 11	3 3¾	1 0
Marquis	4th	13	2790	214	4 11	152 11 4	11 14 8	4 6	1 1
do.	1st (17 wks.)	27	1368	50	2.94	68 8 6	2 10 8	2 11¾	1 0
Morne Courbaril	4th	5	832	166	3.19	44 19 10	8 19 11	3 5½	1 0¾
Ressource	4th	11	1528	138	2.65	89 8 2	8 2 6	3 1½	1 2
Do.	1st (16.8 wks.)	28	1657	59	3.51	83 15 2	2 19 9	3 6	1 0
Retraite	4th	7	1270	181	3.48	71 14 10	10 4 11	3 11¼	1 1½
do.	1st (16 7 wks.)	7	277	39	2.33	18 17 10	1 19 8	2 4	1 0
Richefond	1st (16.8 wks.)	41	2088	50	2.98	104 12 2	2 11 0	3 0¼	1 0
Rivière Dorée	4th	7	1263	180	3.46	63 6 1	9 0 10	3 5½	1 0
Roseau Pera	1st (17 wks)	41	768	36	2.11	38 8 9	1 16 7	2 1¾	1 0
Do Proper	4th	25	4519	180	3.46	228 1 4	9 2 5	3 6	1 0
Do Do	1st (17 wks.)	22	1000	45	2.64	50 2 0	2 5 5	2 8	1 0
Do Mont d'Or ...	4th	28	2376	84	3 23	121 15 4	4 6 1	3 4	1 0¼
Do Do	1st (17 wks.)	31	1209	39	2 29	60 9 0	1 19 0	2 3½	1 0

WOMEN

ESTATES.	Period	No. of Women	Total Days	Average days of each	Ditto per week.	Total Earnings £ s. d.	Average Earnings of each £ s. d.	Ditto per week. s. d.	Day's Earnings of each s. d.
	Year								
Anse Canot	4th	3	351	117	2.25	19 11 4	4 10 5	1 8¼	0 9½
do.	1st (16.8 wks.)	1	46	46	2.73	1 14 6	1 14 6	2 0¼	0 9
Anse Galet	4th	2	423	211	4.06	15 17 3	7 18 7	3 0½	0 9
Balembouche	4th	4	738	184	3.53	27 16 3	6 19 0	2 8	0 9
Beauchamp	4th	3	486	162	3.1	20 10 8	6 16 10	2 7½	0 10
Belle Vue	4th	1	115	115	2.21	4 15 7	4 15 7	1 10	0 9¾
Cannelles	4th	2	260	130	2.5	10 10 10	5 5 5	2 0½	0 9½
Choc	4th	4	750	187	3.59	30 1 8	7 10 5	2 10½	0 9½
Crown Lands	5th	11	1739	158	3.03	71 4 5	6 9 5	2 5¾	0 9¼
do.	1st (17 2 wks)	30	2017	67	3.89	77 12 6	2 11 9	3 0	0 9
Deux Amis	4th	1	175	175	2.36	6 18 8	6 18 8	2 8	0 9½
Esperance	4th	1	195	195	3.75	7 9 3	7 9 3	2 10½	0 9
Fonds	4th	4	606	151	2.9	29 7 3	7 6 9	2 9½	0 11½
Jalousie	4th	1	150	150	2 88	5 12 6	5 12 6	2 1½	0 9
La Caye	1st (16,8 wks)	11	572	52	3.09	21 9 4	1 10 0	2 3	0 9
Malgrétout	4th	1	168	168	3.23	6 6 0	6 6 0	2 5	0 9
Marquis	4th	4	748	187	3.59	28 1 7	7 0 4	2 8½	0 9
do.	1st (17 wks)	11	442	40	2.35	16 11 10	1 10 2	1 9½	0 9
Morne Courbaril	4th	2	326	163	3.13	13 9 6	6 14 9	2 7	0 9¾
Ressource	4th	1	66	66	1 26	2 11 1	2 11 1	0 11¾	0 9¼
Do.	1st (16.8 wks)	12	653	55	3.27	25 0 8	2 1 8	2 5¼	0 9
Retraite	4th	3	435	145	2.78	16 16 1	5 12 0	2 1¾	0 9¼
do.	1st (16.7 wks.)	2	74	37	2.21	2 15 10	1 7 11	1 7¼	0 9
Richefond	1st (16,8 wks.)	18	929	51	3.03	34 17 5	1 18 8	2 3	0 9
Rivière Dorée	4th	2	313	156	3.	11 14 9	5 17 4	2 3	0 9
Roseau Pera	1st (17 wks.)	9	341	37	2.17	12 16 0	1 8 5	1 8	0 9
Do Proper	4th	12	1831	152	2.92	68 13 3	5 14 5	2 2¼	0 9
Do Do	1st 17 wks.	7	346	49	2.88	12 18 9	1 16 11	2 2	0 9
Do Mont d'Or ...	4th	9	754	83	3 19	28 5 6	3 2 10	2 5	0 9
Do Do	1st (17 wks.)	12	442	36	2.11	16 12 1	1 7 8	1 7¼	0 9

* Mont d'Or pay list book for a half year has, apparently, been lost.

B.

RETURN showing the Number of Births among the Indentured Indian Immigrants during the year 1884.

Districts	Immigrant Population	Number of Births	Rate per 1000
1st	558	10	17·92
2nd	94	4	42·55
3rd	62	1	16·11
4th	252	4	15·87
	966	19	19·66

C.

RETURN showing the Number of Deaths among the Indentured Indian Immigrants during the year 1884.

Date	Deaths				Total	Indian Population.	Rate per 1000	Cause of Death	Place of Death	Place of Indenture.
	Adult		Non-Adult	Infl.						
	M	F								
1884								FIRST DISTRICT		
Feb. 13		1			1			Heart Disease and Dropsy	Temp. Hosp.	Roseau
Mar. 23		1			1			Anaemia	Asylum	Crown Lands
Apr. 19				1	1			Debility	Temp. Hosp.	"
" 25	1				1			Dysentery	"	Marquis
May 24	1				1			Pyaemia	"	Roseau
Sep. 6				1	1			Debility	"	"
" 12				1	1			Convulsions	Roseau	"
Oct. 9	1				1			Fever	Temp. Hosp.	Crown Lands
" 12			1		1			Convulsions	Roseau	Roseau
" 13				1	1			Dysentery		Marquis
" 25	1				1			Heart Disease	Temp. Hosp.	Roseau
Nov. 9			1		1			Marasmus	"	"
" 16		1			1			Paralysis	"	"
" 23	1				1			Brain Fever	"	"
" "		1			1			Ovarian Dropsy	"	Crown Lands
Dec. 3				1	1			Debility	"	Roseau
" 10	1				1			Marasmus	"	"
" 16	1				1			Heart Disease	Roseau	"
" 22				1	1			Convulsions	Crown Lands	Crown Lands
" 31	1				1			Dysentery	Temp. Hosp.	Marquis
	8	4	2	6	20	568	35·21	SECOND DISTRICT.		
Oct. 16		1			1			Bilious Remit. Fever	Sonf. Hosp.	Mt. Lézard
" 17				1	1			Debility	Malgrétout	Malgré Tout
		1		1	2	98	20·40	THIRD DISTRICT.		
Feb. 3			1		1			Convulsions	Cannelles	Cannelles
June 12	1				1			Phthisis	Asylum	"
	1		1		2	63	31·74	FOURTH DISTRICT.		
Apr. 4	1				1			Phthisis	Dennery Hosp.	Ressource
May 17		1			1			Chronic Pneumonia	"	Fonds
Sep. 10	1				1			Dropsy	"	Anse Canot
" 12			1		1			Anasarca	Temp. Hospital	Richefond
" 15				1	1			Enteritis	Dennery "	Ressource
" 22				1	1			"	" "	Richefond
Oct. 7			1		1			Hydrocephalus	" "	"
" 16			1		1			Contd. Fever		Ressource
Nov. 2	1				1			Dysentery	Dennery Hosp.	"
" 27	1				1			"	"	La Caye
Dec. 25	1				1			Pleuropneumonitis	"	Richefond
" 26		1			1			Dysentery	"	La Caye
" 29	1				1			Scrofulous Cachexy	"	Ressource
	6	2	3	2	13	256	50·78			

D.

Analysis of Causes and Localities of Deaths.

No.	DISEASES.	DISTRICTS. I.	II.	III.	IV.	TOTAL.
1	Anaemia	1				1
2	Anasarca				1	1
3	Convulsions	3		1		4
4	Debility	3	1			4
5	Dropsy	1			1	2
6	Dysentery	3			3	6
7	Enteritis				2	2
8	Fever—Brain	1				1
9	,, Intermittent	1				1
10	,, Remittent		1		1	2
11	Heart Disease	3				3
12	Hydrocephalus				1	1
13	Marasmus	2				2
14	Paralysis	1				1
15	Phthisis			1	1	2
16	Pleuropneumonitis				1	1
17	Pneumonia, Chronic				1	1
18	Pyaemia	1				1
19	Scrofulous Cachexy				1	1
		20	2	2	13	3

E.

GENERAL HOSPITAL—(TEMPORARY.)

Indentured Indian Immigrants admitted for the Half year ending 30th June 1884.

DISEASES TREATED.	Cured.	Relieved.	Died	Under Treatment.
Abscess	2			1
Anæmia and Splenitis	17			3
Burn	1			
Disease of Bones and Joints	2			
,, ,, Chest	17		1	4
,, ,, Digestive Organs	21		1	2
,, ,, Eyes and Ears	2			2
,, ,, Genito-Urinary Organs	3			
,, ,, Nervous System				
,, ,, Skin	8			2
Fractures and Dislocations	1			
Fever	75			2
Rheumatism	1			
Syphilis	3			
Ulcers	19			1
Wounds and Contusions	2			1
Miscellaneous	15		2	

C. DENNEHY.

F.

GENERAL HOSPITAL (TEMPORARY).

Indentured Indian Immigrants admitted for the Half year ending 31st December 1884.

DISEASES TREATED.	Cured	Relieved.	Died.	Under treatment.
Abscess	14	1		
Anæmia and Splenitis	11	7	3	1
Barn				1
Disease of Bones and Joints				
" " Chest	23	4	1	7
" " Digestive Organs	49		2	4
" " Eyes and Ears	2	1		
" " Genito-Urinary Organs ...	3			
" " Nervous System				
" " Skin	18			9
Fractures and Dislocations				
Fever	382	4	2	62
Rheumatism	6			
Syphilis	11	1		
Ulcers	85	11		17
Wounds and Contusions	1	2		
Miscellaneous	56	2	2	11

C. DENNEHY.

G.

RETURN showing the Number of Indian Immigrants (Indentured) treated in the Soufriere Hospital during the half year ended June 30th, 1884.

DISEASES.	Cured	Relieved.	Died.	Under Treatment
Of Respiratory System	4			
Digestive "	6		1	
Genito-Urinary System	1			
Circulatory "	5	1	1	
Nervous "	2			
Skin	4			
Eye	6			
Fever	39			2
Ulcers	17			6
Wounds	2			1
Fractures				
Dislocations				
Rheumatism	7			
Malingering	16			
Abscesses	4			

J. E. A. FERGUSON,

Actg. Colonial Asst. Surgeon.

H.

RETURN showing the Number of Indian Immigrants (Indentured) treated in the Soufriere Hospital during the Half Year ending 31st December, 1884.

DISEASES.	Cured.	Relieved.	Died.	Under treatment.
Of Respiratory System	1			
Digestive System	3			
Genito-Urinary System				
Circulatory System	5			
Nervous System				
Skin	9	2		1
Eye				
Fever	28	2	1	
Ulcers	19	3		
Wounds	1			
Fractures				
Dislocations				
Accouchements	2			
Rheumatism	1			
Malingering	9			
Abscesses	1			

J. E. A. FERGUSON,
Actg. Col. Assist. Surgeon.

K.

RETURN of Indentured Immigrants admitted to the Vieux Fort Hospital for the half year ending 30th June, 1884.

DISEASES.	Cured.	Relieved.	Died.	Remain.
Intermittent Fever	20			
Ulcers	5			
Diseases of Digestive Organs	8		1	1
,, Respiratory System	1			
,, Nervous System	1			
,, Eye	1			
,, Throat	1			
Syphilis	2		1	
Rheumatic affections				

S. FITZGERALD PROCTOR,
Immigration Medical Officer.

L.

RETURN of Indentured Immigrants admitted to the Vieux Fort Hospital for the Half Year ending 31st December, 1883.

DISEASES.	Cured.	Relieved.	Died.	Remain.
Intermittent Fever	23			4
Ulcers	7			2
Disease of Digestive Organs	13			2
,, Respiratory ,, ...	3			
,, Nervous System	1			
,, Skin	8			1
,, Eye	5			
,, Teeth	1			
Mechanical Injuries	4			
Debility	1			
Abscesses	1			

S. FITZGERALD PROCTOR,
Colonial Assistant Surgeon.

M.

Dennery Hospital.—Indentured Indian Immigrants admitted for the Half Year ended June 30th, 1884.—Abstract of Diseases and Results.

DISEASES.	Cured.	Relieved.	Under Treatment	Deaths.
Anæmia and Disease of the Spleen		1		
Burn			1	
Diseases of the Bones and Joints				
" Chest	1	4	1	2
" Digestive Organs	9			
" Eyes and Ears		1		
" Genito-Urinary System	3			
" Nervous System	1			
" Skin				
Fractures and Dislocations				
Fever	20	1	1	
Rheumatism	2		1	
Syphilis			1	
Ulcers	2			
Wounds and Contusions	4			
Miscellaneous	11		4	

J. A. LESTRADE,
Actg. Assist. Col. Surgeon, Dennery.

N.

Dennery Hospital.—Indentured Indian Immigrants admitted for the Half year ended December 31st, 1884.—Abstract of Diseases and Results.

DISEASES.	Cured.	Relieved	Under treatment	Deaths
Anæmia and Disease of Spleen				
Burn				
Diseases of Bones and Joints				
" Chest	4	2	1	3
" Digestive Organs	27		1	2
" Eyes and Ears	8			
" Genito-urinary System	10		1	
" Nervous System	7 & 1 sent to Cas. Hospl.			1
" Skin				
Fractures and Dislocations...				
Fever	64	3	6	1
Rheumatism	2			
Syphilis			1	
Ulcers	36	1	12	
Wounds and Contusions	4			
Miscellaneous	20	1	5	

J. A. LESTRADE,
Actg. Assist. Col. Surgeon, Dennery.

O.

RETURN showing the Number of Complaints brought before the Stipendiary Magistrates by Employers against Indentured Indian Immigrants during the year 1884.

Districts	No. of Cases	Nature of Complaint	Non-Conviction	Conviction		Punishment.
I.	72	Absence from Work	11	61	5	2/ and costs, or 2 days H. L.
					1	3/ " " " 4 " " "
					7	4/ " " " 4 " " "
					6	5/ " " " 4 " " "
					2	6/ " "
					3	9/ " " " 7 " " "
					7	10/ " " " 10 " " "
					2	15/ " " " 10 " " "
					7	20/ " " " 14 " " "
					2	30/ " " " 21 " " "
					19	Costs
				61		
	2	Creating a disturbance.		2	1	10/ and costs
					1	20/ " " or 30 days H. L.
				2		
	143	Refuse to Work	59	84	1	2/ and costs
					3	4/ " " or 4 days H. L.
					3	5/ " " " 5 " " "
					10	9/ " " " 7 " " "
					1	7/6 " " " 8 " " "
					7	10/ " " " 10 " " "
					1	11/ " " " 14 " " "
					1	15/ " "
					10	20/ " " " 14 " " "
					47	Costs
				84		
	1	Misconduct	1			
	2	Abusive language		2	1	5/ and costs
					1	20/ " " or 1 month's H. L.
				2		
	7	Persuading others to refuse work.	1	6	1	2/ and costs
					2	3/ " "
					1	5/ " "
					1	20/ " " or 20 days H. L.
					1	40/ " " or 1 months H. L.
				6		
	3	Threatening and insulting language	2	1		5/ and costs or 5 days H. L.
	3	Desertion	—	3	2	without a fine
					1	10/ and costs, or 14 days H. L.
				3		
	233		74	159		
II.	3	Absence from work	1	2	1	10/ and costs or 7 days H. L.
					1	16/ and costs or 8 days H. L.
				2		
	2	Refuse to work	—	2		10/ and costs or 7 days H. L.
	1	Desertion	—	1		20/ and costs, or 10 days H. L.
	6		1	5		
III.	3	Refuse to Work.	1	2		14 days H. L.
	3	Desertion	1	2		2 months H. L.
	6		2	4		
	245		77	168		

P.

RETURN showing the Number of Complaints brought before the Stipendiary Magistrates by Indentured Indian Immigrants against their Employers during the year 1883.

District	No. of Cases.	Nature of Complaint.	Non-Conviction.	Conviction		Punishment
I	17	Assaults	13	4	2	Without a fine
					1	7/. and costs
					1	20/. „ „
					4	
	3	Withholding Wages...	3			
II	1	Assault & Beat ...	1			
III		None				
	21		17	4		

Q.

STATEMENT of the Rates of Wages, Prices of food, and other matters affecting the condition of the Indian Immigrants in this Colony in the Year 1884.

WAGES.

FIELD LABOUR—BY TIME.

Men	1 shilling per day of 9 hours
Women	9 pence " " "

FIELD LABOUR—BY TASK.

Holing—100 to 150 holes	1 shilling
Cross-holing—80 to 90 holes	"
Weeding—130 to 160	"
Cutting—200 "	"
A woman's task is 1/5th to 1 4th less than a man's	9 pence
Time usually occupied	6 to 7 hours.

IN THE MILL.

Men—1 shilling per day of 9 hours, with 3d. to 6d. extra for Breakfast hour
Women—9 pence, with 2d. and 3d. extra for " "

The extra is given to keep the Mill going continuously; but the labourers are allowed one by one, to take a hasty meal.

IN THE BOILING HOUSE.

Men—1 shilling and 6 pence or 2 shillings, when the work is carried far into night
Stock-keepers, Carters, &c.... ... ... 1 shilling per day
Children engaged in light work earn from ... ... 3d. to 6d " "
With all extras an Immigrant can earn 2/6 a day; but this is not frequently done.
The Task of the Creole labourer is larger than that of the Indian, and the pay is higher.
Where the Immigrant (male) earns 1/., the Creole earns 1/3. and where the Immigrant (female) earns 9d, the Creole earns 10d.

FOOD.

Fish, salted	4d. per lb.
" " (Herrings)	3d. "
" fresh	4d. to 6d. "
Beef	8d "
Mutton	9d. "
Pork	9d. "
Poultry	9d. "
Rice	2d "
Farina Manioc	1½d. "
Wheat Flour...	2d. "
Wheaten Bread	3d. "
Vegetables	1d. "
Oil, Olive—1½ pint	9d. "
Butter, course	1s. 2d. "
Sugar (Muscovado)	2d. "

DWELLINGS.

Immigrants are provided with dwellings free of charge.

GARDEN GROUND.

By contract, Immigrants obtain ½ acre of land, each, for a garden. But on most Estates there is no measurement or limitation, and no objection would be raised if a Coolie were to cultivate 2 acres. Besides cultivating their gardens, a few of the most industrious Coolies grow canes on shares (halves) with the Estates on which they reside.

DOCTOR, MEDICINE AND HOSPITAL.

Immigrants are visited on Estates regularly once a month, and at any special call. When sick, they are prescribed for on the Estates or sent to Hospital; medical attendance and medicine being free.

Agricultural and other labourers (not Coolies) have gardens and dwellings free of charge. There are dispensaries at convenient distances all over the island, visited weekly by Government Medical Officers. At these dispensaries all such labourers receive Medical advice and medicines free. And to any of the Hospitals of the Colony no admission is refused, except on the ground of the nature of the disease.